

## ABSTRACT

A relief plate, e.g., flexographic plate for printing an image, a platemaking master for producing a relief plate, and a method for producing a platemaking master. The image includes an area to be printed solid. The plate includes in the area to be printed solid a set of line pattern perforations designed to not carry ink on the plate. The line pattern perforations include at least one of the set of patterns consisting of a line screen pattern, a jagged line pattern, a wavy line pattern, a line pattern wherein the lines are not of constant thickness, a cross-hatch pattern, and a periodic pattern of circular lines. In one version, the relief plate including at least one area intended for reproducing a minimum non-zero gray-level using a first halftone pattern of dots. The platemaking master for the relief plate provides exposure in the well-regions between the halftone, such that the wells in the plate are shallower than if no exposure is provided, thereby providing for smaller halftone dots than if no exposure is provided in the well regions of said at least one area.